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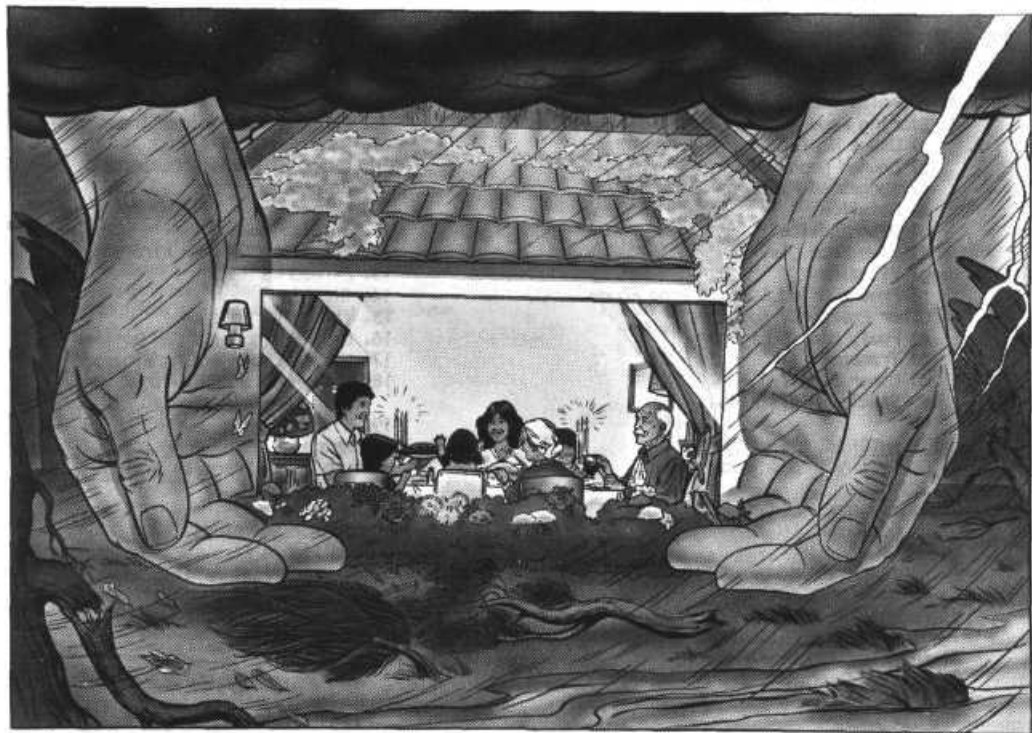
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EMERGENCY HANDBOOK!

**--ARE YOU PREPARED
FOR ANY EMERGENCY?**



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FLEE BAGS, FLEE FUNDS, FLEE SUPPLIES.

FLEE BAGS

1. THE NEED FOR FLEE BAGS.

D: "WE SHOULD ALL HAVE AN ESCAPE CASE PACKED—A 'FLEE BAG'! This would be a good idea all over the world in the Family. Always keep a case packed for a quick escape in case of any emergency. Have you got all your valuable papers, work, logs, diaries in it?"

"YOUR FLEE BAG OUGHT TO BE NEAR YOUR BED WHERE YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS, & WHERE YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON IT IN THE DARK! Where is my flee bag?—It's by our bed! All I have to do is reach out & grab it & run! I live out of it! I never unpack it! I'm not going to be doing any last-minute hunting around for stuff to put in. I've got my most valuable papers & everything that is important in there."

"IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO SAVE YOUR LIFE THAN YOUR WORK, but you're supposed to have your flee bag with you, all necessary clothing & valuable papers so that you can grab them immediately & get out!"

Show at least one other person in the Home where you keep your flee bag & any other vital irreplaceable papers etc. that would have to be evacuated in an emergency. Then, if an emergency occurred while you were absent, someone else could quickly grab all your vital materials & evacuate them, if necessary.

2. CONTENTS OF FLEE BAGS.

Just take things that are essential. Ask yourself "What can I possibly not do without?" That should be your rule.

It might not be possible to keep all the items needed for a flee bag in it all the time, in which case you can make a list of items which need to be thrown in at the last minute, & keep the list in the top of your flee bag, so you can put those items in very quickly, if necessary.

Some things to include in a flee bag are:

a) Valuable, irreplaceable papers, such as passports, birth & marriage certificates, bank books, flee funds, contracts, diaries, address books, mailing lists, car papers, (& keys), & papers vital to your ministry, etc. Some of these important papers should also be photocopied & the copies stored somewhere else. It's pretty hard to get a new passport if you don't even have the number of the old one.

b) Battery-operated shortwave radio & an alarm clock.

c) Bible, other devotional literature such as MOPs, etc.

d) Atlas, local maps, first aid handbook.

e) Ongoing air ticket, if you have one.

f) Enough cash in the local currency to last you at least a few days in a hotel if necessary, as well as buy an air ticket out of the country, if you don't have one.

g) Travellers Cheques or cash in a strong currency for a landing fund.

h) A flashlight, candles & matches.

i) Some decent clothing, about 2 changes, so you can look respectable. Have something warm in case you end up somewhere cold.

j) Some basic toiletries, & possibly some snack & first aid supplies. Water purification tablets.

3. FLEE FUNDS.

Each Home member should have:

i. The equivalent of \$U.S.50-100.— in local currency on them at all times. This should be enough to prove financial responsibility, or check into a hotel if need be.

ii. A prepaid air ticket out of the country or enough money to buy one.

iii. A sum of travellers cheques in a strong currency in their own name in case they should be taken away, imprisoned etc., & would be left behind. This can also serve as a landing fund if they had to leave the country.

4. FLEE SUPPLIES.

D: "WE OUGHT TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A FOOD SURVIVAL KIT FIXED UP THAT WE COULD LIVE ON. What happens if it's an emergency that lasts like it is going to last a while, such as earthquake aftershocks, & you're going to have to stay out in the yard 2 or 3 days—you'd get pretty hungry standing out there in the yard, right? You might have a little baby that has to be fed. You guys ought to figure out what food kit you'd need & where to keep it. You certainly wouldn't want to run into the basement of a tottering building to get it!"

Keep such a kit portable, possibly not bigger than a suitcase. you might want to include water purification tablets, some way to cook, some blankets & first aid supplies. (Tents are very nice to have if you live in earthquake-prone areas.)